


What's inside?

Street bullfights are in full swing around the island. For more information on how to enjoy them safely, see related story on Page 4.



News briefs

Threatcon A still in effect

Lajes personnel are reminded that a Threat Condition Alpha is currently in place. This means a general threat of possible terrorist activity exists -- the nature and extent of which are unpredictable. Everyone is encouraged to remain vigilant for suspicious activities or equipment in their home and work areas and to report these to the 65th Security Forces Squadron at 2-3222. For more information, people can call their unit security manager.

Mental health name changes

The name of mental health clinics throughout the Air Force are now officially called Life Skills Support Centers. Lajes medical officials said only the name has changed and that all services will remain the same. For more information call 2-5177.

Passport requirements change

Military members assigned to the Azores who are traveling on leave may enter customs here with their military identification card. All American civilian employees and family members must have their passports.



photo by Senior Airman Michael Holzworth

Keep 'em running

Staff Sgt. Chad Martin, 65th Transportation Squadron, replaces a fuel hose for a fuel truck. For a related story on the squadron, see Pages 6-7.

New housing project underway

Capt. Kris Skopect

Public affairs

A small ceremony at Lajes July 19 celebrated the beginning of a large construction project to build 52 new homes for American military residents.

Seth Construction, a Lisbon-based company, was awarded the \$11.5 million contract after an American contractor could not fulfill contract obligations last year. They were one of three Portuguese contractors vying for the project.

Nearly 20 percent of the project proceeds would stay locally, after money is spent on materials and labor, according to Jorge Martins, Seth superintendent.

He said his company has completed many construction projects on base, to include work on the power plant, commissary and control tower.

Located behind the Lajes schools, the housing units will replace 36 trailers demolished last year and some older homes on base.

"These new units will be available to the company grade officers residing in the oldest housing on base, but those families and new families coming here will still have the option of living on the economy instead," said Colonel Bill Percival, U.S. Forces Azores commander. "We are excited to have new units, but we still have more than 200 families who are happy to be living off base."

The final phase will be to demolish the last American base-housing units on base near the co-located club.

"The housing units we're replacing are in pretty bad shape, and residents have had to deal with dilapidation and rodent problems."

Construction is expected to be complete before winter of 2003.


Action Line

Ext. 24240
actionline@lajes.af.mil

The Action Line is a tool to help the Team Lajes community. It's a direct line to U.S. Forces Azores and 65th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Bill Percival.

However, before calling, try to resolve concerns through the appropriate agency. Some numbers are listed here.

Callers may remain anonymous, but for a direct answer, should leave their name and phone number.



Colonel Bill Percival

Pick up beer bottles

Question: There is always a lot of beer bottles in the grass, in the stands and in the parking lot of the Oceanview Softball Field. One day I picked up eight bottles and the next day there were at least that many more laying around again.

If people want to have a beer or two, they should have the courtesy to pick up after themselves. It's unsightly and is also a safety concern. Could you please address this?

Answer: Thanks for your concern. I couldn't agree with you more. Besides the obvious hazards of mixing alcohol with driving, there is the danger of injury by the broken glass.


It would be tragic if a child was hit by someone throwing a bottle or from stepping on a broken bottle. Broken glass can cause severe damage. Even a small cut can lead to an infection.

It's also common courtesy to pick up after yourself. When you leave the park, take your trash with you or put it in the garbage cans.

Contracted grounds maintenance employees pick up trash in the areas each weekday morning when preparing the field for play. They also do the same for weekend tournaments. Let's meet them halfway and take care of the fields and surrounding area when we play.

Also remember, the consumption of beer and wine at the fields is a privilege, not a right. If people continue to litter and be charged with driving under the influence, the privilege could be lost.

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NCO academy graduates

The following technical sergeants graduated from the McGuire NCO Academy, N.J.: **Bryan Hanford** and **Michael Strock**, 65th Communications Squadron; **Bryan Tieszen**, 65th Operations Support Squadron; **Ryan Alston**, 65th Supply Squadron; and **Stephen Quintana**, 729th Air Mobility Squadron.

July airman promotions

The following airmen were promoted in July: **Daniel Mason**, 65th Communications Squadron, and **Scott Moore**, 65th Mission Support Squadron, were promoted to airman 1st class.

Kimberly Bowers, 65th MSS; **Jeremy Henry**, 729th Air Mobility Squadron; **Malo Jones**, 65th Security Forces Squadron; and **Angela Kimble**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, were promoted to senior airman.

CDC high scorer


Amn. **Jessica Carron**, 65th communications Squadron, scored 90 percent on her Career Development Course examination.

Outstanding contribution

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. **Ronald "Beetle" Bailey**. He was recognized by the Air Force Materiel Command staff judge advocate for his contributions to the success of the Air Force in a \$1 million civil law suit.

Health and Wellness Center

Did you know the HAWC offers a variety of programs to enhance your well-being, maintain your health and avoid disease risks.





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DOD releases proposed 2002 pay chart

WASHINGTON -- Department of Defense officials released the proposed fiscal 2002 active duty military pay table.

The table below incorporates the proposed 4.6 percent pay raise service members would get if Congress approves the Bush Administrations fiscal 2002 DOD budget request. It also includes \$1.4 billion in targeted pay raises aimed at mid-level NCOs and officers.

If this is approved, all service members will receive at least a 5 percent pay raise with some receiving up to 10 percent.

Unlike past years, if approved, both raises will go into effective Jan. 1, 2002.

DOD civilian employees are set to get a 4.6 percent raise.

NCO Academy system expands

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — The Air Force is expanding its capability to provide training to mid-level noncommissioned officers with the addition of a 13-flight NCO Academy at Gunter Annex in Montgomery, Ala.

The addition of the school, with classes scheduled to start in January 2003, will bring the number of Air Force NCO academies worldwide to 14.

Students attending the new school will be “an overflow of NCOs requiring this training — not to mention any ‘must-trains’ who may have a line number to master sergeant,” said Chief Master Sgt. Vickie Helms, Gunter NCO Academy commandant.

The purpose of NCO Academy training is to provide leadership skills, communications skills and profession of arms knowledge to enhance a student’s ability as an NCO, Helms said.

The new facility at Gunter will train 1,183 students annually, Helms said.

The course is 28 academic days long with seven classes scheduled per year.

“Our staff is projected to consist of 27 active-duty (people),” Helms said. “There is a great need for technical sergeants to apply for instructor positions. We have 16 slots to fill.”

The school is already hiring, she said.

To meet university academic standards, instructors must have a two-year or higher college degree, Helms said.

The NCO Academy is the second level of professional military education, and graduation from it is necessary for promotion to master sergeant.

The first level of PME is Airman Leadership School, and the top echelon is the Air Force Senior NCO Academy.

(Courtesy of Air University Public Affairs, Maxwell AFB, Ala.)

NOTE: The chart below is the proposed basic pay chart that is pending final approval from Congress.

MONTHLY BASIC PAY TABLE															
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002															
YEARS OF SERVICE															
PAY GRADE	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS															
O-10	8944.80	9259.50	9259.50	9259.50	9259.50	9614.70	9614.70	10147.50	10147.50	10873.80	10873.80	11601.90	11659.20	11901.30	12324.00
O-9	7927.50	8135.10	8308.50	8308.50	8308.50	8519.70	8519.70	8874.30	8874.30	9614.70	9614.70	10147.50	10293.60	10504.80	10873.80
O-8	7180.20	7415.40	7571.10	7614.90	7809.30	8135.10	8210.70	8519.70	8608.50	8874.30	9259.50	9614.70	9852.00	9852.00	9852.00
O-7	5966.40	6371.70	6371.70	6418.20	6657.90	6840.30	7051.20	7261.80	7472.70	8135.10	8694.90	8694.90	8694.90	8694.90	8738.70
O-6	4422.00	4857.90	5176.80	5176.80	5196.60	5418.90	5448.60	5448.60	5628.60	6305.70	6627.00	6948.30	7131.00	7316.10	7675.20
O-5	3537.00	4152.60	4440.30	4494.30	4673.10	4673.10	4813.50	5073.30	5413.50	5755.80	5919.00	6079.80	6262.80	6262.80	6262.80
O-4	3023.70	3681.90	3927.60	3982.50	4210.50	4395.90	4696.20	4930.20	5092.50	5255.70	5310.60	5310.60	5310.60	5310.60	5310.60
O-3	2796.60	3170.40	3421.80	3698.70	3875.70	4070.10	4232.40	4441.20	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50
O-2	2416.20	2751.90	3169.50	3276.30	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10
O-1	2097.60	2183.10	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50	2638.50
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COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER															
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	3698.70	3875.70	4070.10	4232.40	4441.20	4617.00	4717.50	4855.20	4855.20	4855.20	4855.20	4855.20
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	3276.30	3344.10	3450.30	3630.00	3768.90	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	2638.50	2818.20	2922.30	3028.50	3133.20	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30
PAY GRADE	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
WARRANT OFFICERS															
W-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4965.60	5136.00	5307.00	5478.60
W-4	2889.60	3108.60	3198.00	3285.90	3437.10	3586.50	3737.70	3885.30	4038.00	4184.40	4334.40	4480.80	4632.60	4782.00	4935.30
W-3	2638.80	2862.00	2862.00	2898.90	3017.40	3152.40	3330.90	3439.50	3558.30	3693.90	3828.60	3963.60	4098.30	4233.30	4368.90
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W-1	2049.90	2217.60	2330.10	2402.70	2511.90	2624.70	2737.80	2850.00	2963.70	3077.10	3189.90	3275.10	3275.10	3275.10	3275.10
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E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2858.10	2940.60	3017.70	3110.10	3210.30	3314.70	3420.30	3573.00	3724.80	3937.80
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E-6	1701.00	1870.80	1953.60	2033.70	2117.40	2254.50	2337.30	2417.40	2499.30	2558.10	2602.80	2602.80	2602.80	2602.80	2602.80
E-5	1561.50	1665.30	1745.70	1828.50	1912.80	2030.10	2110.20	2193.30	2193.30	2193.30	2193.30	2193.30	2193.30	2193.30	2193.30
E-4	1443.60	1517.70	1599.60	1680.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30	1752.30
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Spectate don't participate

Policy forbids participation in local bullfights

Staff Sgt. Beverly Isik
Public affairs

It may not have the same thrill appeal or look as dangerous as the famous Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain, but the street bullfights around Terceira can be just as deadly.

Every year, there are fatal injuries in the streets of our surrounding communities, according to Eduardo Lima, 65th Air Base Wing community relations advisor.

“We have no official statistics, but I know a lot of people who died here on the island,” he said.

Reeducating the Lajes community on the dangers and regulations governing American participation in the fights has become a high priority with wing leaders. The need for more awareness comes after U.S. Forces Azores and 65th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Bill Percival saw several Americans in the street during a recent bullfight in Serra Sao Tiago behind the base civil engineer compound.

During this particular fight, the colonel said the bull jumped a 6-foot wall, clearing a crowd of spectators in the process.

Americans, military and civilian -- are banned from participating in the bullfights by a USFORAZ written instruction implemented in 1993. Before the implementation, Lima said

Rules of engagement

- ✦ If you’ve never been, go with someone who has.
- ✦ Get there early. Find a safe place to watch from.
- ✦ Listen for the rockets. One shot, the bull is out; two, the bull is in.
- ✦ Be alert. Know where the bull is at all times.
- ✦ Do not be part of the attraction. Stay off the street.
- ✦ Don’t drink. Alcohol changes your attitude and dulls your senses.



photo by Senior Airman Michael Holzworth

Spectators often sit on rock walls to get a good view of the bullfight. Walls, like the one pictured here, are not high enough or sturdy enough to protect viewers from a charging bull.

there were a lot of American victims, but the numbers have dropped significantly.

“But I still see Americans in the streets and on walls that are too low for safety.”

The commander said people should watch from a wall that is at least 10 feet tall. He cautioned that the rock walls lining many local streets do not provide a secure barrier from a charging bull.

“It happens all the time -- a 1,200-pound bull rams his horns into those dilapidated rock walls, shakes his head two or three times and the wall comes tumbling down,” he said.

The commander said many American participants may be on temporary duty assignments here or passing through.

“It’s imperative whoever sponsors these TDY troops briefs them on the dangers and the instruction,” said Joe Raposo, wing ground safety manager. “For those not properly briefed, TDY could translate to: The bull will *totally destroy you.*”

Last summer, a TDY sailor was injured during a bullfight and left with several broken bones as a souvenir of his stay on the island.

In another incident, a TDY soldier was in the street when the bull charged him. The soldier jumped over a wall, but, unfortunately, the bull did too. He left with stitches and quite a bit of dental work, Percival said.

“This goes to show our situational awareness isn’t always what it should be,” he said.

While actual participation is forbidden, the commander urges people to get out in the community and experience the unique Azorean traditions that abound here. But he cautions that safety must be at the forefront of everyone’s mind.

“If you’re in the street when the bull is out, you’re participating -- not spectating.”

Although considered by many to be a sport, street bullfighting is far from it, Raposo explained.

“There’s no organization, virtually no safety measures, and absolutely no safety rules,” he said. “Everything is left up to chance.”

Azoreans are serious about the centuries-long tradition, but even the most experienced person can get hurt or killed, he said.

“The sad thing is, if you’re injured, they’re going to pick you up, move you off to the side and the fight will go on,” he said. “An ambulance will eventually come, but the driver will have to fight the same traffic you did to get into the fighting area.”

While it may be hard to resist the temptation, the personal and professional risks are not worth the short-lived adrenaline rush.

Members who participate in the events are in violation of Articles 90 and 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and face a maximum punishment of five years in prison and a dishonorable discharge, according to Capt. Mark Watt, deputy staff judge advocate.

Transportation troops have drive

Michelle Andersen
Public affairs

Enabling expeditionary airpower by providing transportation support is the mission of the 65th Transportation Squadron.

Whether Team Lajes needs to transport people or equipment, it can always count on the transportation troops to get the cargo and people to their final destinations safely.

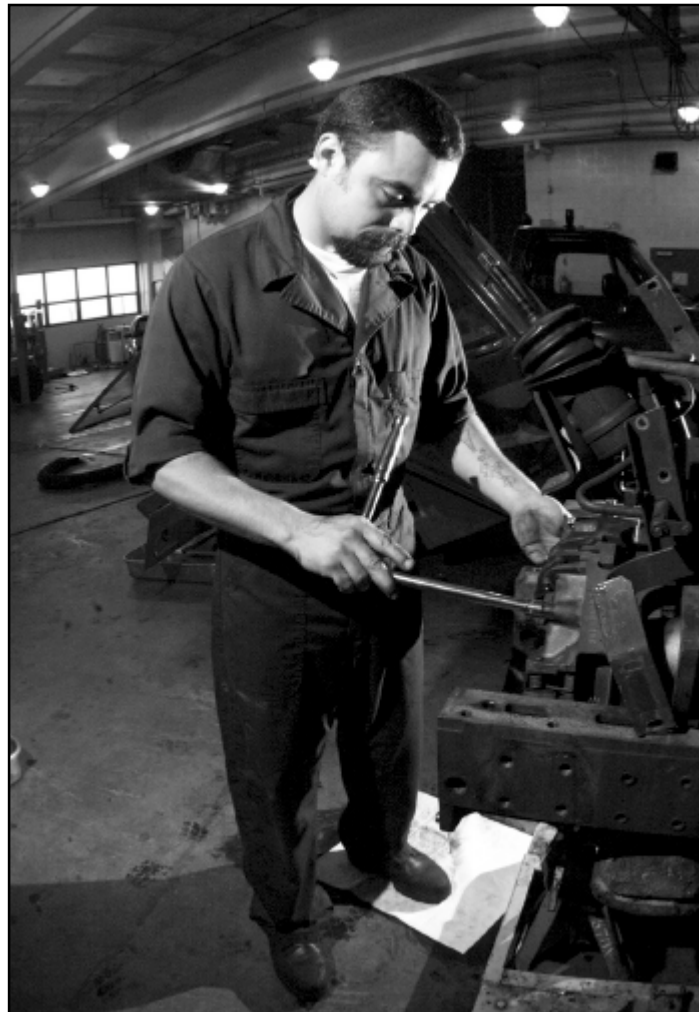
"We're here to take care of Team Lajes," said Senior Master Sgt. Edwin Scott, vehicle maintenance manager, of his unit's mission.

The organization, staffed by 106 people, maintains and manages a fleet of 435 vehicles and equipment valued at more than \$2 million.

Unit members provide a variety of transportation services, to include transporting aircrew and passengers to and from aircraft, managing parts and supplies moving to and from Terceira, and purchasing tickets for military and civilian personnel on official or leisure travel.

The organization also trains and qualifies vehicle operators to safely and effectively use the fleet's vehicles.

There are 30 enlisted persons, three officers, 72 Portuguese civilians and one American civilian within the squadron.



Photos by Senior Airman Michael Holzworth
Mechanic Fernando Sousa works on a faulty clutch on a case tractor.



(Above) with the aid of a light source and a creeper, Alvarino Valadao positions himself under a bus to repair a broken light switch. Mechanics from 65th TRANS manage and maintain a fleet of 435 vehicles for Team Lajes. (Below) Amn. Nancy Boykin, traffic management office, moves cargo from the passenger terminal.



Domingos Valadao Dias, vehicle operations, examines the exterior of a bus during a post-vehicle inspection on the fleet. Post-vehicle inspections are conducted following the turn in of all vehicles.



photo by Senior Airman LeeAnn Sunn-Wagner

Tech. Sgt. Lori A. Galeano, 65th Medical Group, reviews a chest x-ray. Radiologists perform about 100 x-rays and ultrasounds each month.

Clinic adds mystery to spice up patient care

Staff Sgt. Beverly Isik

Public affairs

Ask people what they want when it comes to medical care and the last thing they'll probably say is mystery. But the 65th Medical Group decided a little mystery might be just what the doctor ordered to improve patient care and access.

The idea for the Mystery Patient program came after feedback from various Air Command, Air Force and Department of Defense surveys that showed some Team Lajes members thought care and access could be improved. It's expected to start in August.

"All our in-house satisfaction surveys have been positive," said Maj. James Clapsaddle, administrator for the 65th Medical Group. "But, we got some feedback from ACC and DOD that told us some of our patients aren't happy. We pride ourselves on treating patients well, so this information really motivated us to do even better."

Under the new program, medical group officials will ask new Team Lajes members and spouses to be "mystery patients" who will make an appointment and report their experience to Clapsaddle. Mystery patients will be asked to evaluate cleanliness of the facility, friendliness of the staff and how well the doctor explained the diagnosis and treatment.

"We'll share all the findings with the staff so we can improve our patient satisfaction," the major said. "We want to know if things went smoothly. If the patient is satisfied."

Medical group officials put a lot of stock in customer satisfaction

surveys and are making changes to their services based on patient inputs, Clapsaddle said.

One such change was made to improve the length of time patients have to wait for sports, diving and job-related physicals.

Starting in August, the clinic will have an afternoon dedicated each week for physical appointments, a service Clapsaddle said won't eliminate existing routine appointment times.



photo by Senior Airman Michael Holzworth

Capt. (Dr.) Yi Yang checks Sammy Galbraith for an ear infection. Yang is a Reservist who did his two-week annual tour here.

NCO tells of life outside



photo by Senior Airman Michael Holzworth

Staff Sgt. Mike Rodrigues, 65th Transportation Squadron refueling maintenance supervisor, replaces the starter in a fuel truck.

Staff Sgt. Beverly Isik

Public affairs

Civilian life "ain't all it's cracked up to be," according to Staff Sgt. Mike Rodrigues.

He should know. He separated from the Air Force and spent the next nine years trying to get back in.

Now a member of the 65th Transportation Squadron, Rodrigues joined the Air Force in 1986 after high school and served four years as a contracting specialist. But, he didn't feel appreciated, so when his four years were up, he made the big step into the "real world."

But he soon discovered it was a step in the wrong direction.

It wasn't because he couldn't find a good-paying job. In fact, he walked out the front gates of K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Mich., into a job with a well-known speaker manufacturing company.

"I went home and got a good job," the Massachusetts native said. "I started out making 10 bucks an hour and I could easily work my way up to 15, which in 1990 was a lot of money."

But he said money isn't everything.

"I spent nine years trying to get back on active duty," he said. "From day one, I knew I had made a mistake."

He worked about a year making speakers, but it wasn't nearly as fulfilling as the Air Force had been.

"I just got bored and I saw no advancement opportunities," he said. "I made speakers -- that's all I did. And talk about not getting any recognition. I thought my Air Force supervisors hadn't appreciated what I did. At my civilian job, the supervisor never even came by once to give you a pat on the back or say 'you did a good job.'"

Looking back, Rodrigues said, "I started thinking, the lack of recognition and appreciation were the main reasons I decided to get out of the Air Force. At least in the Air Force, I understood what I was doing for the mission -- not just making speakers."

When Desert Storm kicked off, a lot of Reservists were activated and Rodrigues was anxious to volunteer. He gave up his \$10-hour job, hoping for a chance to deploy to Saudi Arabia. He only made it as far as Westover, Mass., just 50 miles from his hometown of Linwood.

"It was one of the hubs for people traveling to and from the desert."

He worked there as a mechanic for about

three months, then spent a few months working in the welcome center.

From there he moved south to San Antonio and did some Reserve time there while working with a nationwide grocery distributor. He did a lot of Reserve time and traveled around Europe with a base closure team.

"Being a Reservist never had anything to do with the money," he said. "I was doing it because I missed the Air Force."

Looking back, he said the thing he missed most was the camaraderie.

"It's totally different in the Air Force than it is outside," he said. "You don't get the closeness with coworkers on the outside."

"In the military, we all understand. If we go to war, I'm going to war and I'm going to war with you. So you get the understanding you could end up dying together. You bond more."

The Air Force family taking care of its own is not just a cliché for Rodrigues.

"I believe that. We help each other out. On the outside, you don't often see that."

After the base closure team dissolved, he moved to North Carolina to work with a Reserve unit there. That's where he found out the Air Force was accepting prior service members back on active duty.

"It took me a year to get back in, but I was relieved."

Now he has a job enjoys and said he'll have 26 years in by the time he retires. He said there's no question about it, he's in for the long haul this time. In fact he just reenlisted for six more years Wednesday.

Before making the decision to get out, Rodrigues recommends talking things over with someone.

"Talk to people like me who have been on the outside looking in. Or set up an appointment with the career assistance advisor," he said. "She's out there trying to give people information so they don't make the same mistake I made."

Master Sgt. Barbara Steffen, 65th Air Base Wing career assistance advisor, said her door is always open.

"Sergeant Rodrigues isn't the only person to separate and realize it was a mistake," she said. "It's a story that has led the Air Force's internal struggle to retain the good people that are already in."

The new career assistance advisor position is not like the old "green folder days," when people had to have the career advisor

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Nine re-enlist in July

The following Lajes airmen and NCOs have committed themselves to four to six more years in the Air Force:

Tech. Sgt. **Alfred Norman** and Staff Sgt. **Richard Spotts**, 729th Air Mobility Squadron
Tech. Sgt. **Randall Little**, Staff Sgt. **Kendrick Melvin** and Senior Airman **Terry Montgomery**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron
Master Sgt. **Kevin Joyce** and Staff Sgt. **Douglas Crane**, 65th Communications Squadron
Tech. Sgt. **Jose Ruiz**, 65th Air Base Wing
Staff Sgts. **Mike Roderigues** and **Chad Martin**, 65th Transportation Squadron

For some people, re-enlistment is an easy decision. For others it's difficult, according to Master Sgt. Barbara Steffen, Lajes' career assistance advisor.

"If you're approaching re-enlistment and are undecided or thinking about separating, let me help you make an educated decision," she said. For more information call her at 2- 6197.



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Hero retires

Master Sgt. Tim Wilkinson, the only enlisted Air Force Cross recipient on active duty, retired July 20 at Hurlburt Field, Fla. Wilkinson, a pararescueman, earned the Air Force Cross in 1993 for his heroic efforts while supporting Task Force Ranger during an 18-hour firefight in Mogadishu, Somalia.

Let's recognize those who choose to stay in

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Every day, on any military base, there's an announcement about a retirement ceremony for Lt. Col. So-and-so or Master Sgt. What's-his-name.

Last year, within two months, I went to six retirement ceremonies. During the ceremonies, the soon-to-be civilians were presented mementos and medals to honor their distinguished Air Force careers. Rightfully so, they earned it.

But this tradition caused me to ponder over something while I was re-enlisting recently — we need to show our airmen the advantages of staying with the Air Force in the same fashion. We need to recognize and praise their choice to re-enlist.

We all should have noticed by now that recruiting and retention are pretty hot topics with our top Air Force leaders.

Over the past 25 years, I've seen airmen and junior NCOs leave the Air Force for many reasons — personal and professional.

Some airmen can get disillusioned during their first enlistment. They might not like living in the dorms, or maybe their jobs aren't satisfying enough. They might have a personality conflict with a supervisor.

I'm not saying these aren't real problems for today's airmen, but in the grand scheme of things, say a 20- or 30-year career, these are

temporary situations. If we let our people leave the service without explaining the many benefits of staying with the Air Force, we haven't upheld our end of the deal.

In fact, we've done that airman a disservice. We shouldn't allow an emotional situation to guide a person's decision to change the course of their life. When I talk to many of our first- and second-termers getting out, I discover they are not doing enough homework. Do they really know what it's like in the civilian job market? And do they really understand how loyal the Air Force is to its members and their families? The Air Force will stay with you as long as you stay with the Air Force, maybe longer.

Consider this: How many civilian-sector jobs can the entry-level employee walk in to and have immediate health care? How many know they can count on an opportunity for advancement? How many start out with 30 days of paid vacation per year? How many offer 75 percent tuition assistance? How many offer the recreational and family support programs we have in the Air Force?

Not many.

People talk about the good ol' days, back when we had twice as many people in the Air Force. I say "These are the good ol' days!"

Instead of four people to a dorm room, like I had as an airman, we now have one-plus-one rooms. Today's airmen have more

opportunities to get financial counseling and build wealth through investing. Even if they decide, based on logic not emotions, to leave the Air Force, we have a transition assistance program that will ease their job hunt. How many employers will help you market yourself better for your next job?

If our first-term airmen aren't satisfied with their jobs, encourage them to retrain rather than leave the service. When they re-enlist and retrain, they can apply for a base of preference anywhere in the country they're needed. If they've already been out of the Air Force they can come back in.

Not only will we welcome them, we might even pay them a bonus.

My challenge to my fellow Air Force professionals is to reflect on what life in the Air Force has done for you. Look at what it will do for your family.

Listen to people who've decided to make it a career. Ask "Why?" Share that with someone who's looking at leaving this great profession. The Air Force product is all about freedom for tomorrow, while corporate America is all about profit gain today—they have to be.

Recognize and praise the choice to re-enlist. Airmen who stay will carry the flag into the future. Your involvement today will keep a strong and viable Air Force for tomorrow.

(Chief Kriete is the 14th Air Force command chief master sergeant.)

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Saturday

TIME	CH38, 37 AFNATLANTIC	TIME	CH38 AFN-PACIFIC	CH39 SPECTRUM	CH40 NEWS/SPORTS
9:00	Family Movie	7:00	WWF Superstars (TV-14)	Swamp Critters Of Lost Lagoon	Dateline Int'l #2
9:30	How The West Was Fun (TV-G)	7:30		Lifestyle Magazine	
10:00		8:00	Xena: Warrior Princess	The 700 Club	Navy/Marine Corps News
10:30		8:30	Old Ares Had A Farm	Real Videos	Air Force TV News
11:00	Wild Things (TV-PG)	9:00	Headline News	The Simpsons (TV-PG)	MLB
11:30		9:30	ESPNNews	Malcolm In The Middle (TV-PG)	Teams TBD
12:00	Headline News	10:00	7th Heaven (TV-G)	Everybody Loves Raymond	
12:30	Air Force TV News	10:30	Faith, Hope and The Bottom	Will & Grace (TV-14)	
13:00	MLS All Star Game (San Jose, CA)	11:00	Primetime Movie	ER (TV-14)	
13:30		11:30	Law & Order: Exiled (TV-14)	Hazed and Confused	
14:00		12:00		Magnum P.I. (TV-G)	ESPN Sportscenter
14:30		12:30		No Need To Know	
15:00		13:00	Headline News	All In The Family (TV-G)	CBS News Sunday Morning
15:30	ESPNNews	13:30	Seinfeld (TV-14)	Sanford & Son (TV-G)	
16:00	WWF Superstars (TV-14)	14:00	The Drew Carey Show	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	
16:30		14:30	Walker, Texas Ranger (TV-PG)		Face the Nation
17:00	Xena: Warrior Princess	15:00	Black Dragons	Swamp Critters Of Lost Lagoon	Evans, Nwak, Hunt & Shields
17:30	Old Ares Had A Farm	15:30	America's Black Forum	Lifestyle Magazine	Headline News
18:00	ESPNNews	16:00	Baseball 2Day	The 700 Club	ESPN Great Outdoor Games
18:30	NASCAR	16:30		Real Videos	
19:00	Pennsylvania 500 (Long Pond, PA)	17:00	Ironman Triathlon	The Simpsons (TV-PG)	
19:30		17:30		Malcolm In The Middle (TV-PG)	
20:00		18:00		Everybody Loves Raymond	ESPNNews
20:30		18:30		Will & Grace (TV-14)	USGA Sr. British Open Golf Final Round
21:00		19:00	WNBA Special	ER (TV-14)	
21:30		19:30		Hazed and Confused	
22:00		20:00	WNBA	Magnum P.I. (TV-G)	CART
22:30		20:30	Phoenix @ Sacramento	No Need To Know	Target Grand Prix
23:00	MLB (JIP)	21:00		All In The Family (TV-G)	
23:30	Teams TBD	21:30		Sanford & Son (TV-G)	
0:00		22:00	SportsCenter	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	Headline News
0:30		22:30			Air Force TV News
1:00		23:00	Headline News	The Jetsons (TV-G)	Baseball Tonight
1:30	Seinfeld (TV-14)	23:30	Showbiz This Weekend	Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	
2:00	The Drew Carey Show	0:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	Happy Days (TV-G)	MLB
2:30	Walker, Texas Ranger (TV-PG)	0:30		The Jeffersons (TV-G)	Cardinals @ Cubs
3:00	Black Dragons	1:00	Little Bill (TV-Y7)	Star Trek (TV-PG)	
3:30	WWF Superstars (TV-14)	1:30	Wheel Of Fortune	The Enterprise Incident	
4:00		2:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	Nova (TV-PG)	
4:30	America's Black Forum	2:30		Building Big: Dams	
5:00	Meet The Press	3:00	Headline News	The New Detectives (TV-PG)	Sports Tonight
5:30		3:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	Remnant of Blame	
6:00	Headline News	4:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	Law & Order (TV-14)	This Week
6:30	ESPNNews	4:30	[25] Guiding Light (TV-14)	Bait	
7:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	5:00	[13] General Hospital (TV-14)	Spectrum Movie	Computer Chronicles
7:30		5:30		The Four Seasons (TV-PG)	Science & Technology Week
8:00	Little Bill (TV-Y7)	6:00	Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (TV-Y)		Motor Week
8:30	Wheel Of Fortune	6:30	Angela Anaconda (TV-Y)		George Michael Sports Mach

Monday

TIME	CH38, 37 AFNATLANTIC	TIME	CH38 AFN-PACIFIC	CH39 SPECTRUM	CH40 NEWS/SPORTS
9:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	7:00	Horrible Histories	The Jetsons (TV-G)	World Report
9:30		7:30	In The Mix (TV-PG)	Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	
10:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	8:00	Jopardy!	Happy Days (TV-G)	CNN World View
10:30	[25] Guiding Light (TV-14)	8:30	Headline News	The Jeffersons (TV-G)	CNN Newsroom
11:00	[13] General Hospital (TV-14)	9:00	Pacific Report	Star Trek (TV-PG)	Tour de France
11:30		9:30	[33] CNN/NI	The Enterprise Incident	
12:00	Headline News	10:00	60 Minutes	Nova (TV-PG)	NFRA Northwest Nationals Finals
12:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	10:30		Building Big: Dams	
13:00	Today	11:00	The West Wing (TV-PG)	The New Detectives (TV-PG)	
13:30		11:30	Shibboleth	Remnant of Blame	
14:00		12:00	The Practice (TV-14)	Law & Order (TV-14)	ESPN Sportscenter
14:30		12:30	Summary Judgments	Bait	
15:00	Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (TV-Y)	13:00	Pacific Report	Spectrum Movie	Headline News
15:30	Angela Anaconda (TV-Y)	13:30	[35] Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	The Four Seasons (TV-PG)	Morning Biz Rpt/ABC WNNM
16:00	Horrible Histories	14:00			Good Morning America
16:30	In The Mix (TV-PG)	14:30	[35] Late Show w/ David Letterman	The Jetsons (TV-G)	
17:00	Jopardy!	15:00		Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	
17:30	Headline News	15:30	[35] ESPNNews	Happy Days (TV-G)	Baseball Tonight
18:00	CNN/NI	16:00	[05] Movies 'Til Dawn	The Rock (TV-14)	
18:30	Headline & Lajes News	16:30	Dressed To Kill (TV-PG)		Tennis Master Series
19:00	60 Minutes	17:00			
19:30		17:30	[50] Movies 'Til Dawn	Nova (TV-PG)	
20:00	The West Wing (TV-PG)	18:00	Something Wild (TV-PG)	Building Big: Dams	
20:30	Shibboleth	18:30		The New Detectives (TV-PG)	
21:00	The Practice (TV-14)	19:00		Remnant of Blame	SportsCenter
21:30	Summary Judgments	19:30		Law & Order (TV-14)	
22:00	Headline & Lajes News	20:00	Headline News	Bait	Navy/Marine Corps News
22:30	[35] Tonight Show w/Jay Leno	20:30	ESPNNews		Air Force TV News
23:00		21:00	Today	Spectrum Movie	Fox News Live (FNC)
23:30	[35] Late Show w/David Letterman	21:30		The Four Seasons (TV-PG)	Headline News
0:00		22:00			NBC Nightly News
0:30	[35] ESPNNews	22:30			ABC World News Tonight
1:00	[05] Movies 'Til Dawn	23:00	Today II	The Jetsons (TV-G)	Golf Battle At Bighorn
1:30	Dressed To Kill (TV-PG)	23:30		Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	
2:00		0:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	Happy Days (TV-G)	
2:30	[50] Movies 'Til Dawn	0:30		The Jeffersons (TV-G)	
3:00	Something Wild (TV-PG)	1:00	Franklin (TV-Y)	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	
3:30		1:30	Wheel Of Fortune		
4:00		2:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	Intimate Portraits (TV-PG)	
4:30		2:30		Jane Seymour	
5:00	Headline News	3:00	NBC Nightly News	Biography (TV-PG)	Sports Tonight
5:30	ABC World News Tonight	3:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	Judge Judy	
6:00	CNN/NI	4:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	The Practice (TV-14)	Larry King Live
6:30	NBC Nightly News	4:30	[25] Guiding Light (TV-14)	State Of Mind	
7:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	5:00	[13] General Hospital (TV-14)	Spectrum Movie	News w/Brian Williams
7:30		5:30		Moonstruck (TV-PG)	
8:00	Franklin (TV-Y)	6:00	Disney's 101 Dalmations		The O'Reilly Factor
8:30	Wheel Of Fortune	6:30	Jackie Chan Adventures		

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Sunday

TIME	CH38, 37 AFNATLANTIC	TIME	CH38 AFN-PACIFIC	CH39 SPECTRUM	CH40 NEWS/SPORTS
9:00	Family Movie	7:00	WWF Superstars (TV-14)	Swamp Critters Of Lost Lagoon	Dateline Int'l #2
9:30	How The West Was Fun (TV-G)	7:30		Lifestyle Magazine	
10:00		8:00	Xena: Warrior Princess	The 700 Club	Navy/Marine Corps News
10:30		8:30	Old Ares Had A Farm	Real Videos	Air Force TV News
11:00	Wild Things (TV-PG)	9:00	Headline News	The Simpsons (TV-PG)	MLB
11:30		9:30	ESPNNews	Malcolm In The Middle (TV-PG)	Teams TBD
12:00	Headline News	10:00	7th Heaven (TV-G)	Everybody Loves Raymond	
12:30	Air Force TV News	10:30	Faith, Hope and The Bottom	Will & Grace (TV-14)	
13:00	MLS All Star Game (San Jose, CA)	11:00	Primetime Movie	ER (TV-14)	
13:30		11:30	Law & Order: Exiled (TV-14)	Hazed and Confused	
14:00		12:00		Magnum P.I. (TV-G)	ESPN Sportscenter
14:30		12:30		No Need To Know	
15:00		13:00	Headline News	All In The Family (TV-G)	CBS News Sunday Morning
15:30	ESPNNews	13:30	Seinfeld (TV-14)	Sanford & Son (TV-G)	
16:00	WWF Superstars (TV-14)	14:00	The Drew Carey Show	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	
16:30		14:30	Walker, Texas Ranger (TV-PG)		Face the Nation
17:00	Xena: Warrior Princess	15:00	Black Dragons	Swamp Critters Of Lost Lagoon	Evans, Nwak, Hunt & Shields
17:30	Old Ares Had A Farm	15:30	America's Black Forum	Lifestyle Magazine	Headline News
18:00	ESPNNews	16:00	Baseball 2Day	The 700 Club	ESPN Great Outdoor Games
18:30	NASCAR	16:30		Real Videos	
19:00	Pennsylvania 500 (Long Pond, PA)	17:00	Ironman Triathlon	The Simpsons (TV-PG)	
19:30		17:30		Malcolm In The Middle (TV-PG)	
20:00		18:00		Everybody Loves Raymond	ESPNNews
20:30		18:30		Will & Grace (TV-14)	USGA Sr. British Open Golf Final Round
21:00		19:00	WNBA Special	ER (TV-14)	
21:30		19:30		Hazed and Confused	
22:00		20:00	WNBA	Magnum P.I. (TV-G)	CART
22:30		20:30	Phoenix @ Sacramento	No Need To Know	Target Grand Prix
23:00	MLB (JIP)	21:00		All In The Family (TV-G)	
23:30	Teams TBD	21:30		Sanford & Son (TV-G)	
0:00		22:00	SportsCenter	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	Headline News
0:30		22:30			Air Force TV News
1:00		23:00	Headline News	The Jetsons (TV-G)	Baseball Tonight
1:30	Seinfeld (TV-14)	23:30	Showbiz This Weekend	Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	
2:00	The Drew Carey Show	0:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	Happy Days (TV-G)	MLB
2:30	Walker, Texas Ranger (TV-PG)	0:30		The Jeffersons (TV-G)	Cardinals @ Cubs
3:00	Black Dragons	1:00	Little Bill (TV-Y7)	Star Trek (TV-PG)	
3:30	WWF Superstars (TV-14)	1:30	Wheel Of Fortune	The Enterprise Incident	
4:00		2:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	Nova (TV-PG)	
4:30	America's Black Forum	2:30		Building Big: Dams	
5:00	Meet The Press	3:00	Headline News	The New Detectives (TV-PG)	Sports Tonight
5:30		3:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	Remnant of Blame	
6:00	Headline News	4:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	Law & Order (TV-14)	This Week
6:30	ESPNNews	4:30	[25] Guiding Light (TV-14)	Bait	
7:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	5:00	[13] General Hospital (TV-14)	Spectrum Movie	Computer Chronicles
7:30		5:30		The Four Seasons (TV-PG)	Science & Technology Week
8:00	Little Bill (TV-Y7)	6:00	Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (TV-Y)		Motor Week
8:30	Wheel Of Fortune	6:30	Angela Anaconda (TV-Y)		George Michael Sports Mach

Tuesday

TIME	CH38, 37 AFNATLANTIC	TIME	CH38 AFN/PACIFIC	CH39 SPECTRUM	CH40 NEWS/SPORTS
9:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	7:00	Nick News (TV-Y)	The Jetsons (TV-G)	Nightline
9:30		7:30	All That (TV-Y)	Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	Nightly Business Report
10:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	8:00	Jopardy!	Happy Days (TV-G)	CNN World View
10:30	[25] Guiding Light (TV-14)	8:30	Headline News	The Jeffersons (TV-G)	CNN Newsroom
11:00	[13] General Hospital (TV-14)	9:00	Pacific Report	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	ESPN Great Outdoors Games
11:30		9:30	[33] CNN/NI		
12:00	Headline News	10:00	Everybody Loves Raymond (TV	Intimate Portraits (TV-PG)	
12:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	10:30	Primetime Movie	Jane Seymour	
13:00	Today	11:00	Arlington Road	Biography (TV-PG)	ESPNNews
13:30		11:30		Judge Judy	World Sport Special
14:00		12:00		The Practice (TV-14)	ESPN Sportscenter
14:30		12:30		State Of Mind	
15:00	Disney's 101 Dalmations	13:00	Pacific Report	Spectrum Movie	Headline News
15:30	Jackie Chan Adventures	13:30	[35] Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	Moonstruck (TV-PG)	Morning Biz Rpt/ABC WNNM
16:00	Nick News (TV-Y)	14:00			Good Morning America
16:30	All That (TV-Y)	14:30	[35] Late Show w/ David Letterman	The Jetsons (TV-G)	
17:00	Jopardy!	15:00		Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	
17:30	Headline News	15:30	[35] ESPNNews	Happy Days (TV-G)	Up Close w/Gary Miller
18:00	CNN/NI	16:00	[05] Movies 'Til Dawn	The Jeffersons (TV-G)	Baseball Tonight
18:30	Headline & Lajes News	16:30	The Rock (TV-14)		Tennis Master Series
19:00	Everybody Loves Raymond	17:00		Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	
19:30	Primetime Movie	17:30			
20:00	Arlington Road (TV-14)	18:00	[20] Movies 'Til Dawn	Intimate Portraits (TV-PG)	
20:30		18:30	Beverly Hills Cop II (TV-14)	Jane Seymour	
21:00		19:00		Biography (TV-PG)	SportsCenter
21:30		19:30		Judge Judy	
22:00	Headline & Lajes News	20:00	Headline News	The Practice (TV-14)	Your World w/ABC Cavuto
22:30	[35] Tonight Show w/Jay Leno	20:30	ESPNNews	State Of Mind	
23:00		21:00	Today	Spectrum Movie	Fox News Live (FNC)
23:30	[35] Late Show w/David Letterman	21:30		Moonstruck (TV-PG)	
0:00	[35] ESPNNews	22:00			Headline News
0:30	MUB	22:30			NBC Nightly News
1:00	Teams TBD	23:00	Today II	The Jetsons (TV-G)	ABC World News Tonight
1:30		23:30		Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	CBS Evening News
2:00		0:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	Happy Days (TV-G)	MUB
2:30		0:30		The Jeffersons (TV-G)	Teams TBD
3:00		1:00	Shining Time Station	Star Trek: Next Generation	
3:30		1:30	Wheel Of Fortune	Justice	
4:00	Baseball Tonight	2:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	Secrets Of War (TV-PG)	
4:30		2:30		Psychological Warfare	
5:00	Headline News	3:00	NBC Nightly News	Sat Tales	Sports Tonight
5:30	ABC World News Tonight	3:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	Deadly Arctic Expedition	
6:00	CNN/NI	4:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	NYPD Blue (TV-14)	Larry King Live
6:30	NBC Nightly News	4:30	[25] Guiding Light (TV-14)	Jackass	
7:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	5:00	[13] General Hospital (TV-14)	Spectrum Movie	News w/Brian Williams
7:30		5:30		The Bridges At Toko-Ri (TV-G)	
8:00	Shining Time Station	6:00	Disney's Hercules		The O'Reilly Factor
8:30	Wheel Of Fortune	6:30	Rocket Power (TV-Y)		

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Wednesday

TIME	CH 8 & 37 AFN ATLANTIC	TIME	CH 38 AFN PACIFIC	CH 39 SPECTRUM	CH 40 NEWSPORTS
9:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	7:00	Croc Files	The Jetsons (TV-G)	Nightline
9:30		7:30	Hang Time (TV-G)	Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	Nightly Business Report
10:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	8:00	Jagyard!	Happy Days (TV-G)	Dateline NBC
10:30	[25] Guiding Light (TV-14)	8:30	Headline News	The Jeffersons (TV-G)	
11:00	[13] General Hospital (TV-14)	9:00	Pacific Report	Star Trek: Next Generation Justice	MLB
11:30		9:30	[33] CNN/51		Teams TBD
12:00	Headline News	10:00	Sabrina, The Teenage Witch	Secrets of War (TV-PG)	
12:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	10:30	Boy Meets World (TV-PG)	Psychological Warfare	
13:00	Today	11:00	Dark Angel (TV-14)	Sea Tales	
13:30		11:30	Female Trouble	Deadly Arctic Expedition	
14:00		12:00	Ally McBeal (TV-14)	NYPD Blue (TV-14)	ESPN Sportscenter
14:30		12:30	The Getaway	Jackass	
15:00	Disney's Hercules	13:00	Pacific Report	Spectrum Movie	Headline News
15:30	Rocket Power (TV-Y)	13:30	[35] Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	The Bridges At TokoRi (TV-G)	Morning Biz Rpt/ABC WNAW
16:00	Croc Files	14:00			Good Morning America
16:30	Hang Time (TV-G)	14:30	[35] Late Show w/ David Letterman		
17:00	Jagyard!	15:00		The Jetsons (TV-G)	
17:30	Headline News	15:30	[35] ESPNNews	Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	
18:00	CNN/51	16:00	[05] Movies 'Til Dawn	Happy Days (TV-G)	Baseball Tonight
18:30	Headline & Lajes News	16:30	The Abominable Dr. Phibes	The Jeffersons (TV-G)	
19:00	Sabrina, The Teenage Witch	17:00		Star Trek: Next Generation Justice	Tennis Master Series
19:30	Boy Meets World (TV-PG)	17:30	[48] Movies 'Til Dawn		
20:00	Dark Angel (TV-14)	18:00	The Falcon And The	Secrets of War (TV-PG)	
20:30	Female Trouble	18:30		Psychological Warfare	
21:00	Ally McBeal (TV-14)	19:00		Sea Tales	SportsCenter
21:30	The Getaway	19:30		Deadly Arctic Expedition	
22:00	Headline & Lajes News	20:00	Headline News	NYPD Blue (TV-14)	Your World w/Neil Cavuto
22:30	[35] Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	20:30	ESPNNews	Jackass	
23:00		21:00	Today	Spectrum Movie	Fox News Live (FNC)
23:30	[35] Late Show w/ David Letterman	21:30		The Bridges At TokoRi (TV-G)	
0:00		22:00			Headline News
0:30	[35] ESPNNews	22:30			NBC Nightly News
1:00	MLB	23:00	Today II	The Jetsons (TV-G)	
1:30	Teams TBD	23:30		Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	Teams TBD
2:00		0:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	Happy Days (TV-G)	
2:30		0:30		The Jeffersons (TV-G)	
3:00		1:00	Dora, The Explorer (TV-Y)	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	
3:30		1:30	Wheel Of Fortune		
4:00	Baseball Tonight	2:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	Antiques Roadshow	RPM 2Night
4:30		2:30		Atlanta, Georgia	NFL 2Night
5:00	Headline News	3:00	NBC Nightly News	The American Experience	Sports Tonight
5:30	ABC World News Tonight	3:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	Fatal Flood	
6:00	CNN/51	4:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	XFiles (TV-14)	Larry King Live
6:30	NBC Nightly News	4:30	[25] Guiding Light (TV-14)	The Beginning	
7:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	5:00	[13] General Hospital (TV-14)	Spectrum Movie	News w/Brian Williams
7:30		5:30		North Shore (TV-PG)	
8:00	Dora, The Explorer (TV-Y)	6:00	Rugrats (TV-Y)		The O'Reilly Factor
8:30	Wheel Of Fortune	6:30	SpongeBob SquarePants		

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TIME	CH 8 & 37 AFN ATLANTIC	TIME	CH 38 AFN PACIFIC	CH 39 SPECTRUM	CH 40 NEWSPORTS
9:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	7:00	Mosha (TV-PG)	The Jetsons (TV-G)	Nightline
9:30		7:30	Sabrina, The Teenage Witch	Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	Nightly Business Report
10:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	8:00	Jagyard!	Happy Days (TV-G)	48 Hours (CBS)
10:30	[25] Guiding Light (TV-14)	8:30	Headline News	The Jeffersons (TV-G)	
11:00	[13] General Hospital (TV-14)	9:00	Pacific Report	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	MLB
11:30		9:30	[33] CNN/51		Teams TBD
12:00	Headline News	10:00	The Simpsons (TV-PG)	Spectrum Special	
12:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	10:30	Malcolm In The Middle	Raising The Mammoth (TV-G)	
13:00	Today	11:00	Boot Camp (TV-PG)		
13:30		11:30	Mission Rad		
14:00		12:00	XFiles (TV-14)	Iron Chef (TV-PG)	ESPN Sportscenter
14:30		12:30	Per Manum	Rice	
15:00	Sylvester&Tweety Mysteries	13:00	Pacific Report	Live By Request (TV-PG)	Headline News
15:30	Disney's Pepper Ann (TV-G)	13:30	[35] Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	Earth, Wind & Fire	Morning Biz Rpt/ABC WNAW
16:00	Mosha (TV-PG)	14:00			Good Morning America
16:30	Sabrina, The Teenage Witch	14:30	[35] Late Show w/ David Letterman		
17:00	Jagyard!	15:00		The Jetsons (TV-G)	
17:30	Headline News	15:30	[35] ESPNNews	Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	
18:00	CNN/51	16:00	[05] Movies 'Til Dawn	Happy Days (TV-G)	Up Close w/Gary Miller
18:30	Headline & Lajes News	16:30	The Cable Guy (TV-14)	The Jeffersons (TV-G)	Baseball Tonight
19:00	The Simpsons (TV-PG)	17:00		Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	Tennis Master Series
19:30	Malcolm In The Middle	17:30	[50] Movies 'Til Dawn		
20:00	Boot Camp (TV-PG)	18:00	Nail (TV-PG)	Spectrum Special	
20:30	Mission Rad	18:30		Raising The Mammoth (TV-G)	
21:00	XFiles (TV-14)	19:00			SportsCenter
21:30	Per Manum	19:30			
22:00	Headline & Lajes News	20:00	Today	Iron Chef (TV-PG)	PrimeTime Thursday (ABC)
22:30	[35] Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	20:30		Rice	
23:00		21:00		Live By Request (TV-PG)	Fox News Live (FNC)
23:30	[35] Late Show w/ David Letterman	21:30		Earth, Wind & Fire	
0:00		22:00	Callou (TV-Y)		Headline News
0:30	[35] ESPNNews	22:30	Reading Rainbow		NBC Nightly News
1:00	[05] Movies 'Til Dawn	23:00	Disney's Recess (TV-Y)	The View	ABC World News Tonight
1:30	[13] The Cable Guy (TV-14)	23:30	Rugrats (TV-Y)		CBS Evening News
2:00		0:00	Pokemon (TV-Y)	Better Homes & Gardens (TV-	MLB
2:30	[50] Movies 'Til Dawn	0:30	City Guys (TV-Y)	A Wedding Story (TV-PG)	Teams TBD
3:00	Nail (TV-PG)	1:00	Standard Deviants (TV-G)	Frasier (TV-PG)	
3:30		1:30	Battlebots (TV-PG)	Friends (TV-PG)	
4:00		2:00	HomeTime (TV-PG)	Dawson's Creek (TV-14)	
4:30		2:30	California's Gold	The AntiProm	
5:00	Headline News	3:00	NBC Nightly News	Beverly Hills, 90210 (TV-14)	Sports Tonight
5:30	ABC World News Tonight	3:30	Navy/Marine Corps News	The Elephant's Father	
6:00	CNN/51	4:00	NASCAR Craftsman Trk	Any Day Now (TV-14)	Larry King Live
6:30	NBC Nightly News	4:30	PowerStroke Diesel 220	It's Not You, It's Me	
7:00	Callou (TV-Y)	5:00		Masterpiece Theatre (TV-14)	News w/Brian Williams
7:30	Reading Rainbow	5:30		Antistrats (Pl. 1)	
8:00	Disney's Recess (TV-Y)	6:00	Baseball Tonight		The O'Reilly Factor
8:30	Rugrats (TV-Y)	6:30		M. Bean	

Thursday

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9:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	7:00	Pokemon (TV-Y)	The Jetsons (TV-G)	Nightline
9:30		7:30	Superman '96	Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	Nightly Business Report
10:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	8:00	Jagyard!	Happy Days (TV-G)	60 Minutes II
10:30	[25] Guiding Light (TV-14)	8:30	Headline News	The Jeffersons (TV-G)	
11:00	[13] General Hospital (TV-14)	9:00	Pacific Report	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	MLB
11:30		9:30	[33] CNN/51		Teams TBD
12:00	Headline News	10:00	Friends (TV-PG)	Antiques Roadshow	
12:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	10:30	The Steve Harvey Show	Atlanta, Georgia	
13:00	Today	11:00	Frasier (TV-PG)	The American Experience	
13:30		11:30	[35] The Drew Carey Show (TV-	Fatal Flood	
14:00		12:00	ER (TV-14)	XFiles (TV-14)	ESPN Sportscenter
14:30		12:30	Survival of the Fittest	The Beginning	
15:00	Rugrats (TV-Y)	13:00	Pacific Report	Spectrum Movie	Headline News
15:30	SpongeBob SquarePants	13:30	[35] Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno	North Shore (TV-PG)	Morning Biz Rpt/ABC WNAW
16:00	Pokemon (TV-Y)	14:00			Good Morning America
16:30	Superman '96	14:30	[35] Late Show w/ David Letterman		
17:00	Jagyard!	15:00		The Jetsons (TV-G)	
17:30	Headline News	15:30	[35] ESPNNews	Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	
18:00	CNN/51	16:00	[05] Movies 'Til Dawn	Happy Days (TV-G)	Baseball Tonight
18:30	Headline & Lajes News	16:30	Crooked Hearts (TV-PG)	The Jeffersons (TV-G)	
19:00	Friends (TV-PG)	17:00		Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	Tennis Master Series
19:30	The Steve Harvey Show	17:30			
20:00	Frasier (TV-PG)	18:00	[15] Movies 'Til Dawn	Antiques Roadshow	
20:30	[35] The Drew Carey Show	18:30	Touched By Evil (TV-PG)	Atlanta, Georgia	
21:00	ER (TV-14)	19:00		The American Experience	SportsCenter
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22:00	Headline & Lajes News	20:00	Headline News	XFiles (TV-14)	20/20
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23:00		21:00	Today	Spectrum Movie	Fox News Live (FNC)
23:30	[35] Late Show w/ David Letterman	21:30		North Shore (TV-PG)	
0:00		22:00			Headline News
0:30	[35] ESPNNews	22:30			NBC Nightly News
1:00	MLB	23:00	Today II	The Jetsons (TV-G)	ABC World News Tonight
1:30	As @ Indians	23:30		Leave It To Beaver (TV-G)	CBS Evening News
2:00		0:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	Happy Days (TV-G)	CART
2:30		0:30		The Jeffersons (TV-G)	ESPN's Thunder Silver Crow
3:00		1:00	Zoboomatoo (TV-Y)	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	
3:30		1:30	Wheel Of Fortune		
4:00	Baseball Tonight	2:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	Spectrum Special	
4:30		2:30		Raising The Mammoth (TV-G)	
5:00	Headline News	3:00	NBC Nightly News		
5:30	ABC World News Tonight	3:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)		
6:00	CNN/51	4:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	Iron Chef (TV-PG)	Larry King Live
6:30	NBC Nightly News	4:30	[25] Guiding Light (TV-14)	Rice	
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Need a lift?

Ashley Beadle and Phillippe Perrine test drive a bulldozer during their recent field trip to the Red Horse team work site at the Beira Mar gate. Ashley is the daughter of Tech. Sgt. Tommy and Gay Beadle, 65th Fuels Flight. Phillippe's parents are Staff Sgt. Lesley and John Perrine, 65th Communications Squadron and 65th Services Squadron respectively.

Community Briefs

Bus registration

Parents of Department of Defense Dependant Schools students who live off base need make sure they complete and return bus registration forms before Aug. 8 in order for transportation officials to make the new bus schedule.

School dates to remember

The high school will have a new student and parent orientation Aug. 24, at 2 p.m. The first day of school for grades 1-12 is Aug. 27; kindergarten starts Sept. 4; and Sure Start begins Sept. 17.

Elementary open house

There's an elementary school open house Aug. 27, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. There will also be information booths set up from the base exchange, the Boy and Girl Scouts, Red Cross and schools officer.

Archery class rescheduled

The archery class has been rescheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the youth center. Cost is still \$5 for nonmembers and \$2.50 for members. Call 2-3273 for information.

Recording artist to perform

Nashville recording artist MC Potts will perform Sunday, at 2 p.m. in the com-

munity center. Call 2-4135 for more information on the concert.

Puppies for adoption

The stray kennels has puppies for adoption. Call 2-6120 for information.

Thrift shop sale

The thrift shop is having a sale Wednesday -Aug. 4. For more information call 2-6371.

Thrift shop new store hours

Beginning Aug. 6, the thrift shop will be open Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., and every Friday and the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For information call 2-6371.

Keep family informed

Team Lajes members who have recently been promoted, received a medal or other notable achievements are encouraged to participate in the Air Force's Hometown News Release Program. Take a few minutes to fill out and submit the Department of Defense Form 2266, and the Hometown News Center will notify members' hometown newspapers so everyone knows about the great things that are going on in the Air Force. For 2-3347 for information.

Roderigues

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initial off on the out processing checklist, she said.

"I am here to help, regardless of rank — officer or enlisted," she said. "I'll find answers to questions or lend an impartial ear if someone needs to talk."

The reasons people chose to stay or go are as varied as the people themselves. But, Roderigues said for many, money is the deciding factor. He cautions that if a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

"At both my civilian jobs, even though I made really good money, there was no medical plan. I had to pay out of my pocket for insurance co-pays and medications — about \$300 a month for the insurance alone."

If people manage their money, he said Air Force pay and benefits are nothing to sneeze at.

"Money's an issue, I agree," he said. "But, because of the Air Force, I've gone to places that I would never have been able to go if I worked on the outside. There are plenty of chances to fly space-available to Europe from here. You can't do that on the outside. There are more benefits than people realize."

The Air Force is also making strides in retention through increased promotion rates and bigger pay raises, but Roderigues said sometimes it's the little things that count -- like a pat on the back for a job well done.

"They say children are our future. In the military, airmen are our future," he said. "Let's take care of our airmen and the airmen will take care of us. Sometimes people get out because they don't feel like they're appreciated. We can accomplish the mission and still try to give people credit and that'll keep them happy."

His advice to others who are straddling the re-enlistment fence, "Don't let the little things force you out. I learned my lesson the hard way."

To schedule an appointment call Steffen at 2-6197 or e-mail her at barbara.steffen@lajes.af.mil.

MISSION STATUS PROGRAM

as of Monday

65 ABW GOAL: 90%

LG	94.4%
MDG	84.2%
SPTG	83.7%
WING AGENCIES	96.7%
65 ABW TOTALS	89.4%

MET	GOAL	CURRENT	LAST
Total Wing (270)	243	241.5	241.2

BULLFIGHTS

Tuesday

Rua da Igreja, Fontinhas, 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Rua da Igreja, Fontinhas, 6 p.m.

Thursday

Santo Antonio, Fontinhas, 6 p.m.

